Rome Scala Dante

Dec^r 6^th/75 Rome

My dear Maria

yours of the 2^d inst. has just come & it gives me much pleasure to receive so much good news — Eleanor is quite safe, her house is on an elevated ground so that the water was all round her yet left her safe — she describes the people going about in punts — there the river overflows & has caused great sufferers, but nothing like that of 1870, the King is very active

I enclose the 2^d half note E 59 42654 I am so glad you have got the 1^st safe & this before +mass — the damp gives me some little pain to day we've a frost & I am going out — I sit down the great part of the 2 hours & my walk is not so great — The Portrait flourishes & is a pleasant work for me, it is life size, with sword, hat, & a fine order on my coat, silver & gold lace on the collar & cuffs — I was glad I am at what you tell me

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dear Ellen & that I may possibly see her & her
Spouse.- Tom is going on well, but your cold winter
is a great drawback for him
I must leave off & take the pie now my
ever loving brother Joe